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BRAZILIAN-ARGENTINE BORDER ACTIVITY

On 7/7/76, Major HUGO DE QUEIROZ SILVA, SNI, Rio de Janeiro, advised that tensions along the Brazilian-Guyana border appear to be easing in light of recent intelligence reports that appear to negate prior reports that large numbers of Cubans are training within the latter country. Brazilian military units have pulled back from the common border and in some instances have been withdrawn entirely and reassigned. The Brazilian Government appears to have no intentions of fanning the flames of political conflict between the two countries and is attempting a complete turnaround from its previous suspicious allegations by making its presence on the border as low-key as possible. ~~(U)~~

Major QUEIROZ further advised regarding the current Argentine situation that all the killings taking place between the new military regime and terrorist forces show no signs of a letup, the government forces appearing to have the upper hand. He stated that what took the Brazilian Government 12 years to accomplish, the Argentine Government is endeavoring to end in four months. According to SNI intelligence projections, with the current rate of Government activity and effort, the government forces could conceivably be in an absolute and dominant position within a matter of weeks. ~~(U)~~

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